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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY GRAIN DELIVERIES

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DALLIER HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT FRANCE HAS AGREED PROVIDE MALIAN TWO PLANES, " PROBABLY EITHER NORD' S OR TRANSAL' S (SIC)", TO CARRY GRAIN TO FIRST AND SIXTH REGIONS MALI IN CONTINUATION OF GERMAN AND SOVIET AIRLIFT, DALLIER SAYS PARIS HAS AGREED TO SEND PLANES FOR TWO WEEKS ARRIVING MAY 15. AT MALIAN REQUEST HE HAS ASKED THEY EXTEND THIS TIME CONSIDERABLY. DALLIER EXPECTS THAT PLANES WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY ROUGHLY 600 TONS TO NORTHEASTERN FAMINE AREAS IN TWO WEEK PERIOD. HE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, GIVE US BREAKDOWN ON THIS.

2. COMMENT: NEED FOR TRANSPORTING GRAIN TO NORTHEASTERN AREA, WHICH NOW VERY QUICKLY RUNNING OUT OF GRAIN (BAMAko 1018 AND 1012), IS INFINITE. FRENCH WILL CERTAINLY GAIN CREDIT FROM THIS OPERATION AND WILL HELP SAVE MANY LIVES, EVEN THOUGH THEIR CONTRIBUTION WON' T SOLVE PROBLEM.

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